

**TOWN OF DAVIE
WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 5:56 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Luis, Councilmembers Caletka, Crowley and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Shimun, Town Attorney Rayson, and Assistant Town Clerk McDaniel recording the meeting.

Council agreed to go through the charitable contribution requests one-by-one.

- Adopt a Hurricane Family

Mayor Truex noted that this group had not been funded in the past. Craig Vanderlaan, co-founder and president of Adopt a Hurricane Family, explained that in the past 18 months, they had worked with FEMA to place 50 Davie families in secure housing. They had requested the \$30,000 “to get a permanent presence here in the Town of Davie.” Mr. Vanderlaan remarked that in the current economic climate, he anticipated the coming year to be very challenging.

Councilmember Starkey thanked Mr. Vanderlaan and his organization for their help after the hurricane. She asked if this \$30,000 was to help settle victims of the previous hurricane. Mr. Vanderlaan responded that none of the requested funds would be used to help past hurricane victims. He explained that they wanted to expand the Adopt a Hurricane Family model to help residents who were being displaced for a variety of reasons. Mr. Vanderlaan assured Vice-Mayor Luis that the organization would aid residents becoming displaced because of a mobile home park closing.

Mr. Vanderlaan confirmed that Adopt a Hurricane Family was a 501(c)(3) organization and, therefore, qualified for funding from other agencies. Councilmember Starkey said she could not support a \$30,000 donation but would support a smaller amount. Mr. Vanderlaan stated that in the past 18 months, his organization had received \$300,000 in case management funding, and the majority of this funding had been used to help residents of Davie.

- Kids Voting Broward

Carol Smith explained that Kids Voting Broward worked with civics curricula in schools to ensure kids understood the importance of being informed citizens. They also provided online voting for students. Councilmember Starkey pointed out that kids who participated in the program encouraged their parents to vote.

Mayor Truex felt that the request for \$30,000 from Adopt a Hurricane Family was too high. He noted that the Town typically donated a smaller initial amount and allowed the charity to build a track record before the Town would increase the donation. Mayor Truex believed all the other requests were reasonable.

Vice-Mayor Luis suggested that a portion of settlements the Town received should be used to build this fund. He approved of all the donation requests.

Councilmember Starkey listed the donations she supported. She was unsure they could afford the additional \$5,000 donation requested by the EASE Foundation and suggested maintaining the \$35,000 donation. Councilmember Starkey supported increasing the donation to Firewall Ministries because they had added help and she felt they did a good job. Even though First Call for Help had not solicited a donation, she supported a \$3,000 donation because of the services they provided. Councilmember Starkey said she was “still out” on the PAL request and said she wanted to see more police personnel involved. She supported a donation to Teen Challenge of up to \$15,000.

Councilmember Caletka suggested that any organization that did not submit a request this year should receive no donation. He added that any new requests should not be granted and existing donations should not be increased.

Councilmember Crowley agreed that no new organizations should receive donations and those that had not submitted requests should receive no funds. He did not object to any of the requests for more funding.

Mayor Truex summarized Council’s input:

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- Adopt a Hurricane Family - Councilmember Starkey, Mayor Truex and Vice-Mayor Luis agreed on a \$5,000 donation; Councilmember Caletka and Councilmember Crowley were opposed
- Area on Aging - Council supported this request
- Coalition To End Homelessness - Mayor Truex, Councilmember Starkey and Vice-Mayor Luis approved a \$5,000 donation; Councilmember Caletka and Councilmember Crowley were opposed
- Davie School Foundation - Council supported this request
- EASE Foundation - Mayor Truex, Councilmember Crowley and Vice-Mayor Luis approved a \$40,000 donation; Councilmember Caletka and Councilmember Starkey opposed any increase
- Family Central - Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Luis and Councilmember Crowley agreed to the \$18,000 request; Councilmember Starkey and Councilmember Caletka opposed any increase
- Firewall Ministries - Mayor Truex, Councilmember Crowley and Vice-Mayor Luis approved the \$30,000 request
- Hope Outreach - Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Luis, Councilmember Crowley and Councilmember Starkey supported the \$60,000 request
- Kids Voting - Council approved the \$2,500 request
- PAL - Mayor Truex, Councilmember Caletka, Councilmember Starkey and Vice-Mayor Luis supported the \$45,000 request
- Teen Challenge - Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Luis and Councilmember Crowley supported the \$30,000 request
- Women in Distress - Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Luis, Councilmember Starkey and Councilmember Caletka supported the \$6,000 request
- Young at Art - Councilmember Caletka, Mayor Truex and Vice-Mayor Luis supported the \$10,000 request.

Mayor Truex stated that a request from Hope Pregnancy Center had been received late. Councilmember Starkey stated that this was a new request, and she opposed new requests; Councilmember Crowley and Mayor Truex agreed.

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk